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Australian Intrigue

Your article "Many Questions. Few Answers" (Dec. 13) reviews old allegations, often by anonymous sources, about CIA involvement in Australian domestic politics and particularly in the affairs of the defunct Nugan-Hand Merchant Bank. You correctly assert that the case set out by James A. Nathan in *Foreign Policy* magazine "is long on speculation and short on evidence." Vice President George Bush, former director of the CIA, specifically confirmed during his recent visit to Australia that there had been no CIA involvement. Former Senator Frank Church has stated unequivocally that his Select Committee on Intelligence, which investigated the matter, uncovered no evidence implicating the CIA. By continually reviving these unsubstantiated allegations, we are ill-serving our special relationship with valued allies.

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